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In re application of

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Application No. 10/561,867

Group 1656

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Examiner A. Kim

PROTEIN CRYSTAL COMPRISING THE PROCESSIVITY CLAMP FACTOR OF DNA POLYMERASE AND A LIGAND, AND ITS USES

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 25, 2008

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action of March 26, 2008, the period for response having been extended for one month to July 26, 2008 by petition for extension of time, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 10.

An $\mbox{\bf Appendix}$ is attached following the signature page of this response.